GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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WASHING OF RAILWAY COACHES
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Sultanpur railway station has a capacity of washing 11 coaches only, resulting in difficulty in washing of Sadbhavana Express;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any steps have been taken by the Railways to develop a capacity of washing 24 coaches at a time; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a) & (b): The washing pit line at Sultanpur station presently has a capacity of accommodating 11 coaches. Pit line of adequate capacity is a must for Primary / secondary maintenance. Sadbhavana Express (Train No. 4013/4014), though with 18 coaches, is given 'terminal attention' at Sultanpur. Under the extant policy, exterior washing of trains is not required to be carried out during such terminal attention and the scope is restricted only to the cleaning of interiors of the coaches.

(c) & (d): Based on current traffic / maintenance workload at Sultanpur, there is no immediate proposal for extension of the pit line to accommodate 24 coaches.